

UNAPPROVED
COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES
MEETING MINUTES OF
February 28, 2011

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 P.M.

Present: Chair Krongold, Vice-Chair Tam, Commissioners Deutsch, Fort, Harp, Kirola, Lord-Hausman, Moore and Warren.

Absent: None.

2. MINUTES

2-A. Approved with corrections.

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3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4-A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (Secretary Akil):

Vote on election of officers.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to nominate Commissioner Krongold as Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Nielson, which carried a unanimous voice vote – 9.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman made a motion to nominate Commissioner Harp as Vice-Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Vice-chair Nielson, which carried a unanimous voice vote – 9.

4-B. City of Alameda Paratransit Shuttle Service Modifications (Gail Payne, PW):

Discussion regarding changes to Paratransit Service.

Gail Payne stated that the Shuttle Service was introduced last year in April for individuals 62 years of age and older. Ridership has leveled off due to weather. A six-month review of the service was conducted per Council's direction. Morning routes are preferred. The service received high satisfaction marks.

Vice-chair Harp asked about the capacity of the bus to which Gail responded it's a small bus, 12-seats, and it does not run at capacity.

Chair Krongold asked about the age requirements at Mastick Senior Center being 50 years old to which Gail replied she is working on the issue.

Commissioner Moore asked if you must be 55 and with a disability to which Gail responded affirmatively.

Commissioner Warren asked if an escort is needed could one be provided to which Gail replied affirmatively.

Commissioner Tam asked if you register once do you have to register each year to which Gail replied "No."

Chair Krongold asked about advertising at a movie theater to which Gail replied they are currently advertising at movie theaters.

Chair Krongold asked if the data is from the U.S. Census re: the disabled to which Gail replied that the information presented from the American Community Survey is all that is available.

4-C. **City of Alameda Paratransit Taxi Service Modifications** (Gail Payne, PW):

Discussion regarding changes to Taxi Service.

Gail stated that there are currently two taxi services. There are no current restrictions on travel so the modification requests limit on travel. There are major limits on the budget and there is a greater demand on the budget. The major goal is to restrict the use to rides within Alameda County. The savings would be approximately \$5,000 a year.

Commissioner Fort asked if the 50% discount applied to persons with disabilities and 70 years or older to which Gail replied to everyone with or without a Driver's License and blind or disabled is entitled to the 50% reduction.

Commissioner Tam asked if support is needed at the Council meeting to which Gail replied that all support is welcome.

Commissioner Kirola asked if there are two Shuttle Services for everyone, to which Gail affirmed.

Commissioner Kirola asked if someone moves how would they notify the Transportation Company, to which Gail replied one would have to register the new information and she does the quality control.

Commissioner Kirola asked the names of the two companies to which Gail stated: (1) Welcome Transportation and (2) Veterans.

Vice Chair Harp asked if there could be Shuttle Service to connect BART to which Gail replied the issue has been discussed and there is no indication that will occur, unless there is additional funding.

5. OLD BUSINESS

5-A. CDI Vision Planning (Chair Krongold):

Continued discussion of future events.

- Ed Roberts Event:
Chair Krongold stated that the January 22 event went well. Both Vice-Chair Harp and Commissioner Lord-Hausman attended.
- Banner:
Secretary Akil confirmed the banner dates for the 3rd and 4th week in September.
- Film/Art Exhibit: October 6, 2010
Commissioner Warren provided an update on the event, including reaching out to schools for the art exhibit. Chair Krongold asked Marcia Tsang about including art work from the Leisure Club, which is comprised of disabled adults from Alameda. Commissioner Deutsch asked if the art is limited to Alamedans, to which Commissioner Warren replied it will be open to people with disabilities. Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that it would be good for the art exhibit to be represented by Alamedans.
- CDI Resource Fair
Chair Krongold confirmed a work group has been formed to meet the last Wednesdays of the month in the library.
- April 9th Film Event:
Commissioner Moore discussed the upcoming films scheduled for Autism Awareness month. She requested a Proclamation for April 5th. Secretary Akil will email a copy of last year's Disability Awareness Month proclamation.
- Tree Planting:
Commissioner Moore proposed October 15th for the next tree planting to which the Commission agreed.

5-B. **City Council Meeting Report (Commissioner Fort):**

Report on issues of relevance from biweekly Council meeting.

No report.

Vice-chair Harp and Commissioner Lord-Hausman attended the January 18th Council meeting in support of building the apartments at Lincoln Avenue.

5-C. **Curb Cut Improvements (Commissioner Lord-Hausman)**

An update on improvements regarding Central and Webster; and Park Street near brick alley shopping area was given.

Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated the Public Works plans are under review with Cal Trans under Park Street/Alameda Ave., followed by bids and an award end of April/early May.

Regarding Central and Webster re-design (not curb cuts): Commissioner Lord-Hausman met with WABA and will follow-up with Public Works.

6. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

6-A. Secretary Akil informed the Commission that the City website had some minor glitches to the CDI page but staff is working on correcting the problems.

6-B. Secretary Akil stated she would follow up with the Alameda Fire Department Administration Office regarding the inoperable accessible button for the front door at the Fire Station on Park Street and Encinal Avenue.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

7-A. Chair Krongold announced the upcoming Alameda County Transition Faire, Saturday, March 19th at 9:30 AM, and asked who is interested in participating? Commissioner Kirola, Commissioner Lord-Hausman and Commissioner Tam may be able to attend.

7-B. Commissioner Moore distributed a flier she picked up at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley regarding free phones for people with disabilities.

7-C. Commissioner Fort mentioned that BORP and the Lighthouse for the Blind, as well as a number of organizations, have their offices at the Ed Roberts Campus.

7-D. Commissioner Lord-Hausman stated that all CDI Commissioners will receive an invitation from the League of Women Voters for the April 4th "Meet Your Public Officials." She encouraged all to attend at the Harbor Bay Community Center.

- 7-E. A citizen called to request documents be available readily in large font.
- 7-F. Commissioner Lord-Hausman requested that someone from AUSD, Special Education attend a CDI meeting. Commissioner Tam suggested he will attempt to request Susan Mitchell meet with the CDI in March or April.
- 7-G. Commissioner Tam has a special board meeting on March 28th and will miss the March CDI Meeting.
- 7-H. Vice-Chair Harp stated that the Center for Independent Living is having its Annual Board Meeting on Thursday, March 24 at 3:30 PM at Hayward City Hall and it is open to the public.
- 7-I. Chair Krongold stated that the Alameda Hospital (Louise Nakada) will begin accessible yoga classes. There will be four classes starting April 13th, 5-6 PM for 4 weeks at \$5.00 per session.
- 7-J. Chair Krongold mentioned that the author of a book about her service dog event was held at the Frank Bette Center.
- 7-K. Chair Krongold read a letter response from College of Alameda regarding the CDI letter of support for funding for DSPS.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, March 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia Akil
Board Secretary